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For: NON-VOLATILE MEMORY
DEVICE HAVING A NITRIDE
BARRIER TO REDUCE THE
ERASE EFFECT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of November 9, 2004, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of Group I as outlined by the Examiner, comprising Claims 1-16 which are drawn to a method of making a memory device, classified in class 438, subclass 257.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for a first action on the merits, and request that such be done at an early date. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with Applicants' representative would be helpful to advance the prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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